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cases even though the wood is found outside the forest reserve, or in the houses of the ryots? Will the Government take immediate steps to prevent such abuse at least hereafter and see to it that the officials are properly instructed?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Wherever and whenever such cases are brought to the notice of Government, proper action will be taken."

Sales tax and licence fees for dealing in handspun yarn in Guntur.

* 930 Q.—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state whether illegal collection of sales tax and licence fees for dealing in handspun yarn has been made by the Commercial Tax authorities in Guntur district; whether any representation has been received by the Government in that behalf and the action taken thereon by the Government?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" No."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" Is it not a fact that in Guntur district the Commercial Tax Officers illegally collected sales tax from small dealers dealing in handspun yarn, when it was specifically announced previously that hnadspun yarn would be exempted from Sales Tax levy?"

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" No, Sir, handspun yarn had always been exempted from sales tax levy."

House Surgeons attached to Coimbatore Headquarters Hospital.

* 931 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) for how many years a House Surgeon can serve in a particular Headquarters Hospital;

(b) how many House Surgeons are remaining in Coimbatore Government Hospital for more than that period; and

(c) why they are retained even after the specific period?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Each House Surgeon or House Physician shall ordinarily hold office for a period of one year but may be continued beyond the period so long as there are no new applicants for the posts. Candidates who have already completed one year's house surgeoncy may be appointed as paid House Surgeons or House Physicians if there are vacancies subject to the condition that preference is given to fresh candidates who have not done house surgeoncy or who have not held previously paid posts of House Surgeons or House Physicians.

" (b) Four.

" (c) Because fresh graduates are not available to fill up all the posts."

(Sri V. Balakrishnan expressed a desire to put a question by pointing his hands towards the Speaker.)

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is very unparliamentary for an hon. Member to express his desire to put a supplementary question by pointing his hands towards the Chair. The proper course that hon. Members should adopt whenever they desire to put a question is to stand in their places. That is the proper method to catch the eye of the Speaker."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" I am sorry, Sir."

9-a.m. AN HON. MEMBER :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that the age-long discretion of the Director of Medical Services to effect a transfer within a period of three years has been withdrawn and if so, may I know when it was withdrawn and the reason why it has been withdrawn?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This is a question about the appointment of House Surgeons and House Physicians."

SRI N. K. PALANISWAMI :—" May I know, Sir, whether in the Coimbatore Headquarters Hospital a particular community is given preference both in regard to appointment as doctors and admission as patients?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This matter, Sir, has no relation to the question now before the House."

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MR. SPEAKER :—" This question will be taken up tomorrow."

Retrenchment of clerks.

* 933 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state, of the clerks shown as retrenched in answer to question No. 213 (16), dated 2nd December 1952, in the Assembly—

(*a*) how many had passed the Madras Public Service Commission examination;

(*b*) whether the retrenched personnel will be provided with appointments in Government offices as and when vacancies arise; and

(*c*) whether recruitment to Government clerical services is stopped till the retrenched personnel is re-absorbed into service in Government offices?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to the competitive examinations held in February and June 1952 for the purpose of regularising the services of the temporary clerks in the Civil Supplies Departments. The total number of Civil Supplies personnel (clerks and typists) who appeared for the two examinations, the number of persons who were selected out of them and the number of persons who had passed the